

(6) If necessary to remove a child from his home, to secure for him custody, care, and discipline as nearly as possible equivalent to that which should have been given by his parents; [and]

(7) TO PROVIDE TO CHILDREN IN STATE CARE AND CUSTODY:

(I) A SAFE, HUMANE, AND CARING ENVIRONMENT; AND

(II) ACCESS TO REQUIRED SERVICES; AND

(8) To provide judicial procedures for carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.

3-8A-19.

(c) The priorities in making a disposition are consistent with the purposes specified in § 3-8A-02 of this subtitle.

(d) (1) In making a disposition on a petition under this subtitle, the court may:

(i) Place the child on probation or under supervision in his own home or in the custody or under the guardianship of a relative or other fit person, upon terms the court deems appropriate;

(ii) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, commit the child to the custody or under the guardianship of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or a public or licensed private agency on terms that the court considers appropriate to meet the priorities set forth in § 3-8A-02 of this subtitle, including designation of the type of facility where the child is to be accommodated, until custody or guardianship is terminated with approval of the court or as required under § 3-8A-24 of this subtitle; or

(iii) Order the child, parents, guardian, or custodian of the child to participate in rehabilitative services that are in the best interest of the child and the family.

(2) A child committed under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection may not be accommodated in a facility that has reached budgeted capacity if a bed is available in another comparable facility in the State, unless the placement to the facility that has reached budgeted capacity has been recommended by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

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